

Editorial Periscope

There will be 53 Thursdays in the year of 1920.

There will be no Christmas tree at the White House Thursday.

Washington's new police census shows 455,428 population, a gain of 60,000 since 1917.

Chas. West, a returned negro soldier at Smithville, Ga., who killed a farmer, was lynched by a mob.

Howard Pigg, who has been assigned to prosecute the food profiteers, ought to be a good one to put after the pork packers.

Gen. Pershing shook hands with 5,000 people in Chicago at a reception in his honor. A crowd of 20,000 was unable to get in.

The sixth wedding in the White House under the Wilson administration will take place this week. This time it is the chief cook, Miss Charlotte Nilsson.

British plenipotentiaries will proceed to Paris to sign the peace protocol. The final papers of ratification are expected to be signed by Britain, France, Italy and Germany on New Year's Day.

A negro boy in Louisville was hit by a bullet from a target rifle, that struck a safety-pin in his clothes. It gave him no safety, but was driven into his body and may cause his death.

Col. George W. Bain, 80 years old noted prohibition orator, who has been confined to his bed since Thursday suffering from hardening of the arteries, is in a serious condition at Lexington and his children have been summoned.

The price of newsprint paper in Canada is to be raised to \$80 per ton, f. o. b. mill January 1, according to announcement made. The price now being paid by Canadian newspapers is \$69.

Jan. W. Gerard, formerly ambassador to Germany, has expressed his ambition to be President Wilson's successor. He has announced himself in the South Dakota primary in March.

It must be said of Gov. Morrow that he is making a good start. With the law permitting a partisan Board of Control, he has just fulfilled his promise during the campaign and has appointed a non-partisan board.

Victor Berger, the Milwaukee Socialist unseated and re-elected to Congress is out in a defiance card denouncing the government and predicting a revolution. There should be no place in America for this anarchist.

The fine shopping weather continued yesterday and the streets were crowded all day with automobiles that carried home many armful of bundles. The merchants are preparing for a great rush today and tomorrow.

Demobilization of 10,000 Americans who enlisted early in the war with the British army, Red Cross records show, has been completed with exception of a few still undergoing treatment in hospitals. This number is exclusive of thousands of others who fought in the colonial armies of Canada and Australia.

John Skelton Williams has for the third time been nominated for controller of currency. The banking committee reported adversely on his second nomination but action was not taken. A new nomination was necessary for this session. Mr. Williams holds on to the office he has held since his first recess appointment.

SENATE PASSES RAILROAD BILL

CUMMINS MEASURE NOW GOES TO CONFERENCE WITH ESCH BILL

THE STRIKE CLAUSE STANDS

Labor Provisions of Two Measures Differ Widely and Conference Have Hard Task.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Cummins bill, paving the way for the return of the railroads to private operation, passed the senate Saturday longed discussion of the measure and making the holiday recess of Congress possible.

It went through without change and the anti-strike and other important features around which senate discussion was drawn. Final enactment of the permanent railroad reorganization legislation is hoped for by leaders early Monday.

The ultimate disposition of the railroad problem, however, still is in doubt as the senate and house bills will be in conference and congress in recess on Jan. 1, the date set by President Wilson for the return of the lines to their owners.

SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY CASE

Two Negroes Jailed On Charge of Highway Robbery Thursday —One Identified.

Two negroes, named William De Jearnette and Oscar Layne, were arrested Friday night charged with the robbery of E. L. Allen, on the Greenville road Thursday. Lieut. W. D. Hawkins, Patrolman Joe Claxton and Deputy Sheriffs Fred Warner and Rex Henderson made the arrests. Layne was found at the house of his father on Younglove street and DeJearnette at a house on Howe street. Both were in bed. The last named had two pistols in bed with him. The bloodhounds brought here trailed the parties who robbed Allen of \$200 to the railroad. It is believed they caught a freight train to Madisonville and returned here Friday. DeJearnette had \$55 in his bed. Mr. Allen was sent for and positively identified him as the negro who held the pistol on him and fired the shot to make him drive on. As to Layne he was less positive, as he said his attention was centered on the man with the gun. The trial is set for today.

Allen had sold his tobacco and let the negroes ride with him for two miles in his wagon to the point where they robbed him.

FIRE PERILS 1,994 PUPILS; SAVED BY A YOUNG GIRL

New York, Dec. 19.—Presence of mind of 15-year-old Eleanor Fuller when she discovered fire in the cloak room of Public school No. 77 at noon today averted a panic.

When Eleanor opened the door flames and smoke burst out. The child turned and whispered to her teacher that the cloakroom was afire.

The teacher gave orders for the 1,994 pupils to march from the building.

LABOR TROUBLES CLOSE

BIG TOBACCO FACTORIES
Cadiz, Ky., Dec. 20.—Disturbances between union and non-union workers have brought about the closing of the tobacco factories.

GUNNA BE A HARD WINTER ON SNOWMEN



REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN IS DEFEATED

North Carolina District Returns a Democrat to Congress.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 22.—Unusual significance is attached in Washington to the election just held in the Ninth district of North Carolina where Clyde Hoey, Democrat, has been elected to Congress over John M. Morehead, Republican. Mr. Morehead is Republican national committeeman from the State and was regarded as the strongest candidate available for the G. O. P.

The North Carolina election might have created little national interest but for the boast made by Republican leaders several weeks ago that they would wrest the district from the Democrats and break into the "solid South." This puts Democrats on guard, it becoming evident that the Republican congressional committee plans to capture the district.

Prior to the nomination of Mr. Morehead by Tar Heel Republicans, Representatives Fess, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, asserted in an interview that the Republicans would win in the ninth district and that "some good man" would be nominated to carry the G. O. P. standards to victory. When Mr. Morehead obtained the nomination, Chairman Fess was pleased and became even more confident that the ninth would go Republican.

Mr. Morehead is one of the wealthy men of North Carolina. A number of years ago he came to the House of Representatives from that State. A nation-wide acquaintance and his position as national committeeman made him the most formidable candidate the Republicans might put forward.

The Morehead organization already was in good shape because he made the race only last year for the Senate, being defeated by Senator F. M. Simmons.

Both parties thoroughly combed the ninth district and Republican orators, with the aid of literature sent from Washington, made the League of Nations one of the issues of the campaign. The challenge was accepted by the Democrats and the contest took on national significance.

A special investigator representing the Republican Congressional Committee was sent into the district some days before the election. He made a favorable report to party chiefs in Washington and gave advice concerning ways in which the Washington G. O. P. headquarters might be of assistance. For fear the presence of outside speakers of north and states might be resented, the Re-

publicans decided not to send out orators from Washington, which was done when the party attempted to invade Alabama in the Burnett district election. Instead, the committee in Washington bombarded the voters of the Ninth with literature attacking the Democratic administration, the League of Nations and the President.

Chairman Fess' predictions of Republican victory in North Carolina came on the heels of a more general statement by Chairman Will Hays, of the Republican National Committee, outlining the plans of his party for a general movement to enter the South and break its solidarity.

The Ninth District in North Carolina was regarded as debatable grounds because of the personal following of Morehead in Mecklenburg county and also because Mecklenburg Democrats were alleged displeased over the result of the Democratic primary, which were against the county's candidate. Republican appeals were made to the Democrats to knife the ticket, but Mecklenburg again went into the Democratic column and gave Hoey a handsome majority.

Another claim was that the election heretofore of Representative E. Y. Webb, Democrat, who is now on the Federal bench, was due largely to his personal popularity and that the district would go Republican with Webb out of the way. The result, however, was just the opposite. Despite the unprecedented efforts of the Republicans to win the district, the Democratic nominee was elected by a substantial majority over the strongest Republican candidate the party could find.

SENATE ACCEPTS LEGION WAR RISK AMENDMENTS

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House bill increasing war risk insurance allowances of American soldiers, and sailors and marines disabled in the war, was passed today by the Senate with amendments requested by the American Legion. The house is expected to accept the senate amendment and enactment of the bill before recess is deemed assured.

PREACHER KILLED

Rev. Bernard R. Green and wife, residents of Highland Park, a Louisville suburb, were killed in a railroad accident near Roanoke, Va., according to messages received here today. They were on the way to Crew, Va., to visit Rev. Mr. Green's parents.

TWO CHURCHES FAILED.

Rev. L. L. Spurlin was in town Sunday and reported that Hight's Grove and Mack's Grove churches were unable to hold meetings in the Baptist campaign work by reason of bad roads and high water. They have made no start to raise their quotas of \$1,000 each and nothing can be done this winter.

EDGOTEN OIL CO TO SINK WELLS

Corporation Formed To Develop Oil Lands in Christian and Montgomery Counties

The Edgoten Oil Co. has been organized by a number of the leading citizens and landowners of Edgoten and Oak Grove and incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

E. R. Tandy is president of the company and it is planned to bore for oil in that vicinity in the spring as there is strong belief that it is worth while to see what is under the soil of South Christian and North Montgomery counties.

Unlimited capital is behind the development enterprise, which is a close corporation.

High Honor For Miss Brevard.

Miss Rebecca Brevard, a Hopkinsville girl who is a junior at Kentucky College for Women, at Danville, is vice president of the student government organization and has been accorded the distinguished honor of attending the International Conference of Colleges at Des Moines, Ia., as a student delegate. She and one member of the faculty represent the college, all expenses paid. The conference lasts from December 31st to January 4th. Miss Brevard is the bright young daughter of Rev. Chas. Brevard.

CHARGE NON-UNION MEN ARE PAID ABOVE SCALE

President W. Duncan of district No. 23, united mine workers, has received a telegram from Attorney General Palmer in reply to the one he sent protesting against the action of seven coal operators in Daviess county who refused to employ to county who have refused to employ union miners reporting for work since the recent miners' strike in which Mr. Palmer stated that the mines would be operated on the same basis as existed before the strike was ordered. President Duncan will confer with the miners and operators at Owensboro tonight in regard to the matter.

It is understood that alleged charges against operators in that county who it is alleged have been offering their non-union miners 25 cents per ton above the 14 per cent increase ordered by the Government and 80 cents more for day labor will be investigated and a protest lodged with Attorney General Palmer if the charges are found true. An investigation of the alleged practice of the consumers being charged from 2 to 8 cents more per bushel for coal will also be made.

Dr. R. F. McDantel, new of Louisville, is here for the holidays.

WILSON NAMES COAL BOARD

HENRY M. ROBINSON, JOHN P. WHITE AND REMBRANDT PEALE APPOINTED

OPERATORS ARE DISSATISFIED

Decisions of Commission On Wages and Coal Prices to Be Unanimous.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson Saturday appointed Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Calif., John P. White, and Rembrandt Peale members of the commission to investigate wages and working conditions in the coal industry, provided for in the strike settlement agreement.

Mr. Robinson will represent the public, Mr. White the miners and Mr. Peale the operators.

During the war all three appointees were prominent in war work for the government. Mr. Robinson with the shipping board and Mr. White and Mr. Peale as advisors to fuel administrator Garfield.

Coincident with President Wilson's appointment of the commission the executive committee of the bituminous coal operators' association issued a terse statement, flatly denying that the operators had agreed to or had been consulted in regard to the settlement terms.

The operators' denial was aimed specifically at a statement contained in Mr. Wilson's identical letter to the three commissioners he had selected, that the operators as well as the miners had "agreed to and adopted" the government's proposal. It was met immediately by a statement from Attorney General Palmer declaring it would be an "amazing repudiation of their own statements" if the operators now failed to accept the settlement plan.

KENTUCKY'S HERO MOUNTAINEER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Former Sergeant Willie Sadlin of Hyden, Ky., has been appointed by Secretary Baker as a special escort for the return of soldier dead from overseas. Sadlin was selected because of his unusual record in the World War.

Unofficially he ranks next to Sergeant York for his exploits. He is credited with killing twenty-four Germans and wounding and capturing many more at Bois de Forges, September 26, 1918. He advanced alone on a German machine gun and killed the crew with hand grenades and enabled the line to advance. Later in the day he alone attacked and other nests and put them out of business.

MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DRY LAW

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—Manufacturers of intoxicating liquors or beverages near intoxicating, though not actually intoxicating even for one's own use, is unlawful in Minnesota, the state supreme court held in decisions filed today, sustaining the validity of the so-called prohibition enforcement enacted by the 1919 legislature.

CAMPANINI DEAD

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cleonas Campanini, director general of the Chicago Grand Opera Company and widely known in musical circles died of pneumonia here today, aged 59.

Miss Cecile Hines is spending the holidays at her home in Louisville.